#### **B29B**

### PREPARATION OR PRETREATMENT OF THE MATERIAL TO BE SHAPED; MAKING GRANULES OR PREFORMS; RECOVERY OF PLASTICS OR OTHER CONSTITUENTS OF WASTE MATERIAL CONTAINING PLASTICS

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

The mechanical preparation of plastic material as raw material used in subsequent plastic shaping techniques which form a final product (<u>B29B 7/00</u>, <u>B29B 9/00</u>, <u>B29B 13/00</u> and <u>B29B 15/00</u>).

The making of preforms used as an intermediate product which will udergo an additional processing step, e.g. blow moulding, to obtain the final product (<u>B29B 11/00</u>).

The recovery of plastics from waste products in order to reuse it for making new products (B29B 17/00).

#### References

#### Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Methods, devices directed to the chemical aspects of the plastic	<u>C08J</u>
preparation, pretreatment or recovery (e.g. chemical composition, use of	
specific additives, operating steps intended to modify the properties of the	
polymer, etc.)	

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Mixing in general	<u>B01F</u>
Granulating in general	B01J 2/00
Solid waste disposal	<u>B09B</u>

### Special rules of classification

- In this subclass, it is desirable to add the Indexing Codes of subclasses B29K
- Reference is further made to the special rule of classification in the field of <u>B29B 17/00</u> as far as the application of Indexing Codes as provided in <u>B29L</u> and <u>B29K</u> is concerned.
- Products per se are not classified in this subclass. However, if a product is characterised by the way it is produced and not by its structure or composition, the production method should be classified in this subclass.
- Inventive and additional information disclosed in documents to be classified should be identified by allocation the appropriate classification symbols provided in <a href="B29B">B29B</a>. In particular attention should be paid to the so called break down Indexing Codes, forming a further subdivision of a group or a subgroup, which are only present at additional information level.

#### **Glossary of terms**

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

A plastic	is defined as a macromolecular compound or composition based
	on such a compound.

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•	refers to a state in which the material is more or less easily
	deformable, locally or as a whole, by force in any direction, to
	assume and retain any desired shape.

### Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents, the following abbreviations are often used:

Resins	Japanese patent applications usually refer to resins instead of
	plastics

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Mixing; Kneading ({for preparation of dough A21C 1/00;} in general B01F; combined with calendering B29C 43/24, with injection B29C 45/46, with extrusion B29C 47/36)

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Devices for the preparation of plastics, this preparation only concerning the mechanical aspects of it, i.e. the mixing of the individual components to obtain a homogeneous mass and/or its subsequent mechanical kneading to achieve the desired consistency.

#### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Extrusion of plastics	B29C 47/00
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#### Special rules of classification

In this subclass, as a general rule, the type of plastic mixer is to be specified, as well as the specific structural elements which are characteristic of this kind of device.

Additional details of the mixing or kneading device for which no specific classification information can be found in <u>B29B 7/00</u> are classified under the corresponding sub-groups of <u>B01F</u> (mixing in general).

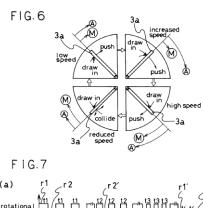
# {Methods (chemical aspects C08J 3/00)}

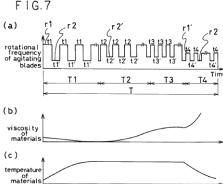
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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/002</u>.

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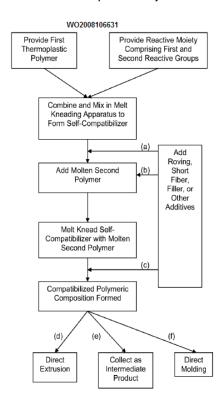


### {for mixing in batches}

#### **Definition statement**

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/005</u>.



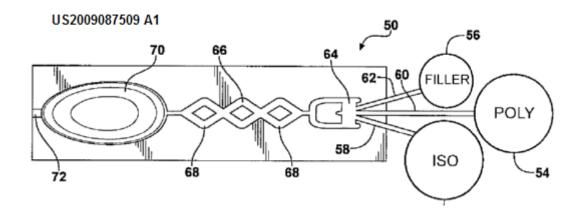
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### with non-movable mixing or kneading devices

### **Definition statement**

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/04</u>.

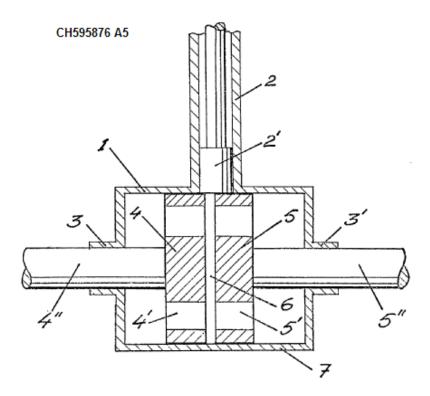


# {by means of axially movable pistons}

# **Definition statement**

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/085</u>.

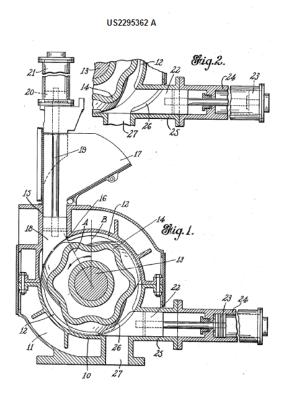


{having a casing closely surrounding the rotor, e.g. for masticating rubber (with more than one shaft <u>B29B 7/183</u>); Rotors therefor (<u>B29B 7/14</u>, <u>B29B 7/16</u> take precedence)}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/125</u>.

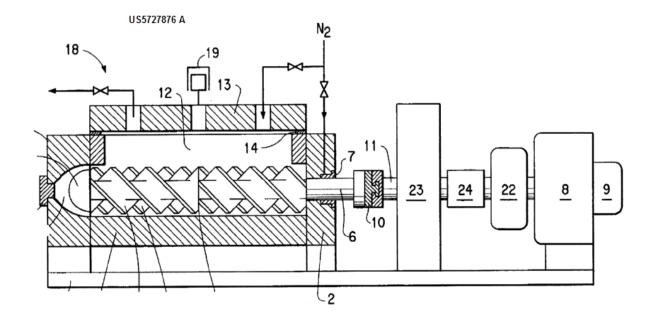


### with screw or helix

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/14</u>.

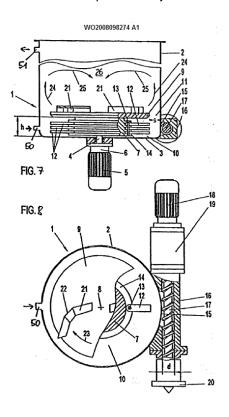


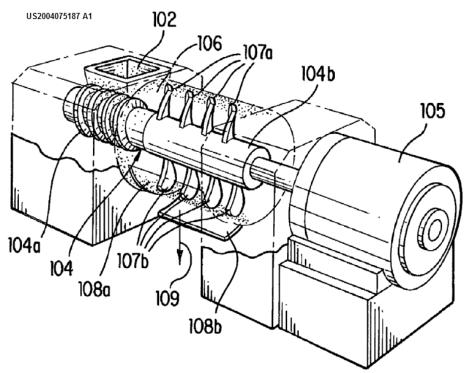
# with paddles or arms

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/16</u>.





### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Recovery of plastics B29B 17/00

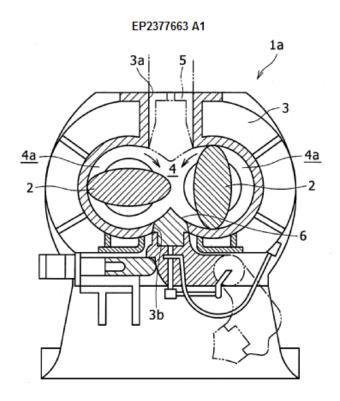
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{having a casing closely surrounding the rotors, e.g. of Banbury type (with single shaft B29B 7/125)}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/183</u>.



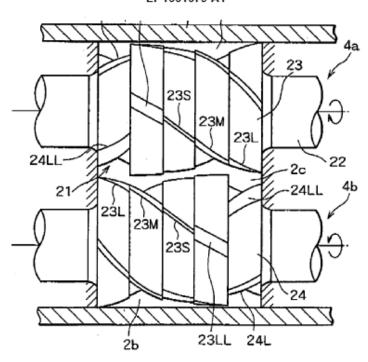
# {Rotors therefor}

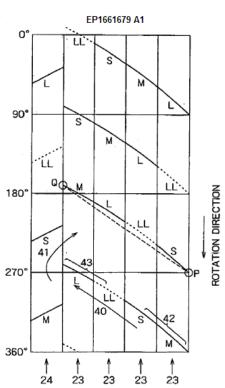
### **Definition statement**

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/186</u>.





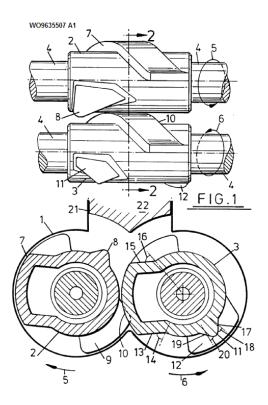


# with intermeshing devices, e.g. screws

### **Definition statement**

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/20</u>.

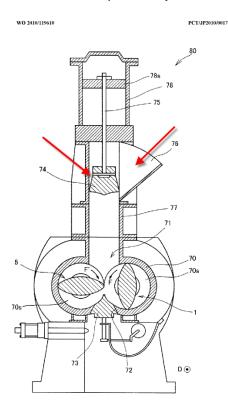


{in mixers having more than one rotor and a casing closely surrounding the rotors, e.g. with feeding plungers}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/246</u>.

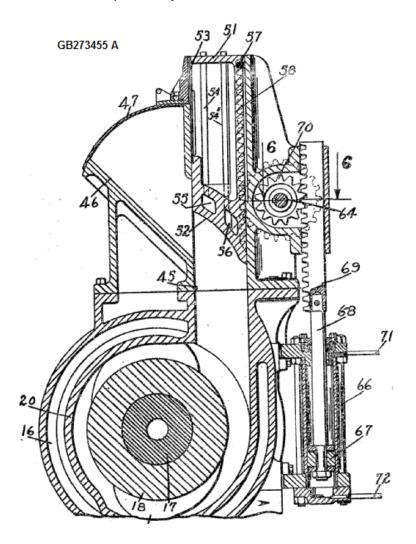


(with plungers for introducing the material, e.g. from below ( $B29B\ 7/246$  takes precedence))

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/248</u>.

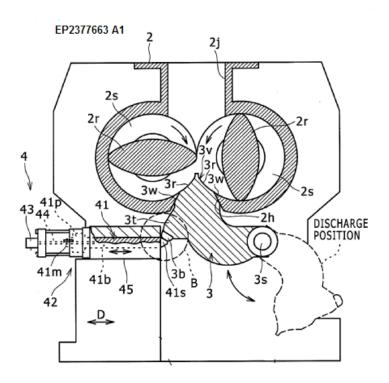


**(from the underside in mixers having more than one rotor and a a casing closely surrounding the rotors)** 

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/263</u>.

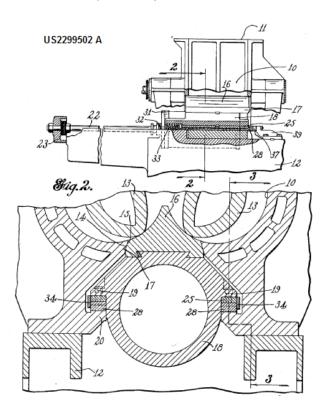


# {using sliding doors}

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/266</u>.

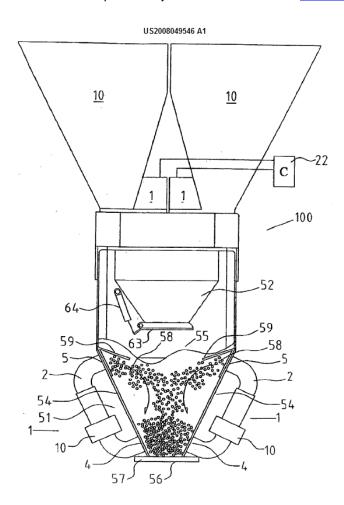


# with non-movable mixing or kneading devices

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/32</u>.



# {Static mixers (in general B01F 5/0602)}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/325</u>.

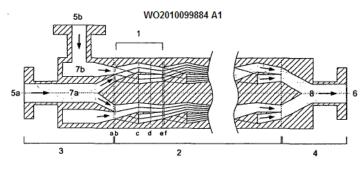


Fig. 1a

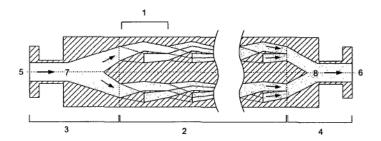


Fig. 1b

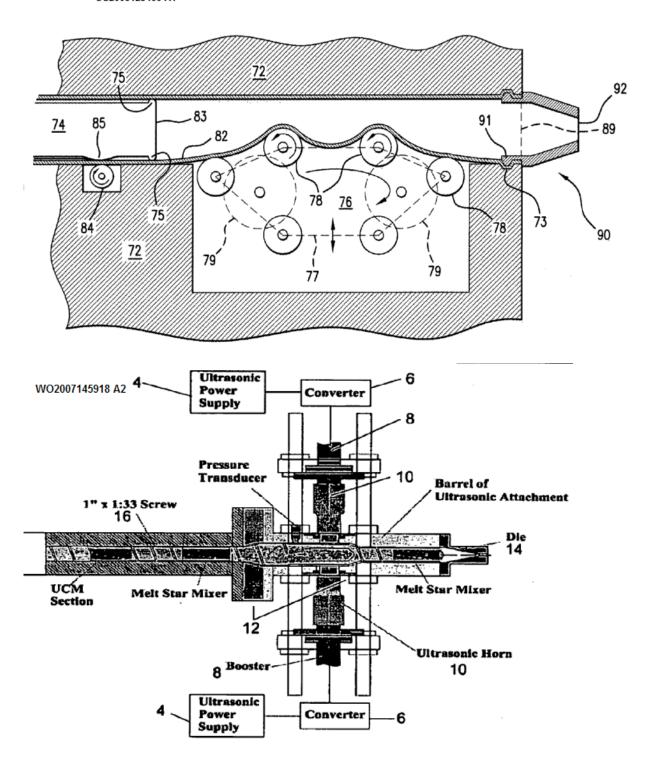
# shaking, oscillating or vibrating

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/36</u>.

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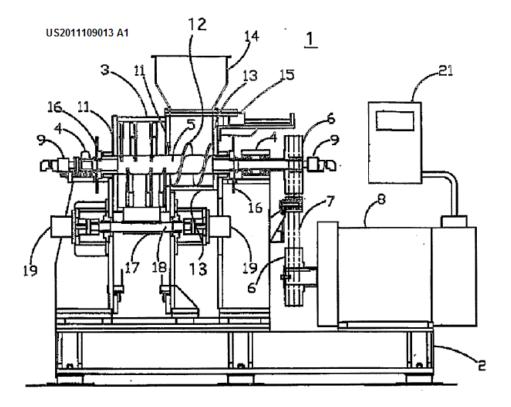


{having a casing closely surrounding the rotor, e.g. with a plunger for feeding the material (B29B 7/407, B29B 7/42 take precedence)}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/401</u>.

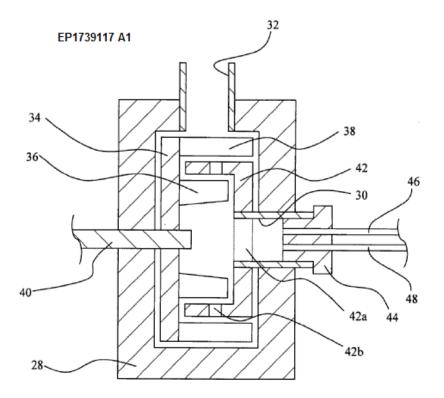


{using a rotor-stator system with intermeshing elements, e.g. teeth (B29B 7/408, B29B 7/404 take precedence)}

### **Definition statement**

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/402</u>.

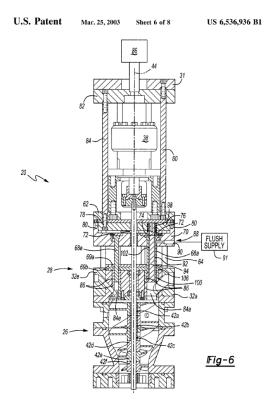


# {with feeding or valve actuating means, e.g. with cleaning means}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/404</u>.



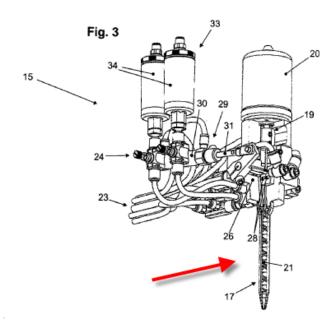
# {with a casing closely surrounding the rotor, e.g. with conical rotor}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/407</u>.

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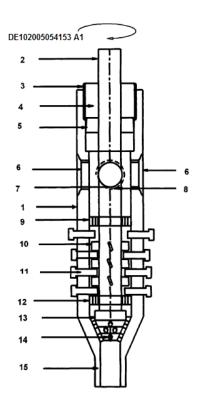


{with mixing elements on a rotor co-operating with mixing elements, perpendicular to the axis of the rotor, fixed on a stator}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/408</u>.

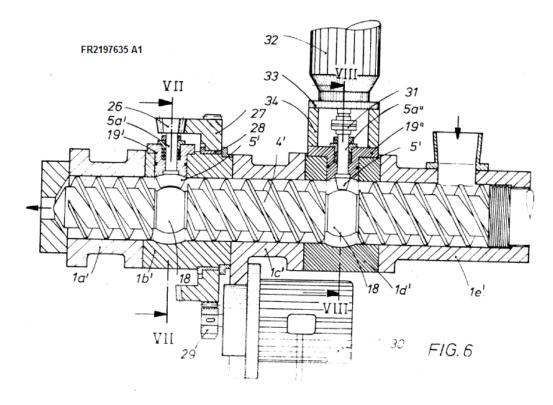


{with screw sections co-operating, e.g. intermeshing, with elements on the wall of the surrounding casing}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/422</u>.



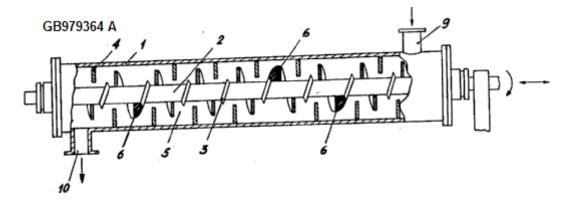
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{and oscillating axially (in general B01F 11/0057)}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/423</u>.

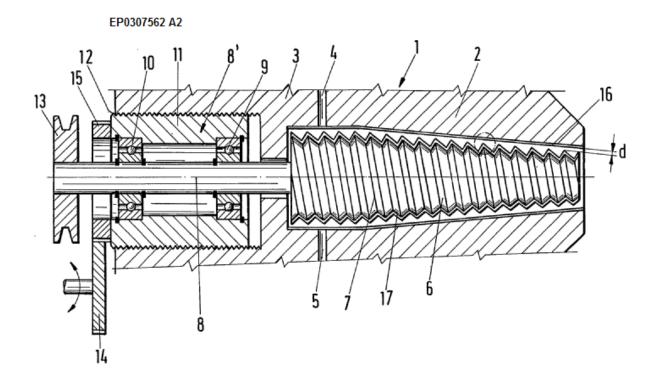


# {with conical screw surrounded by conical casing}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/424</u>.

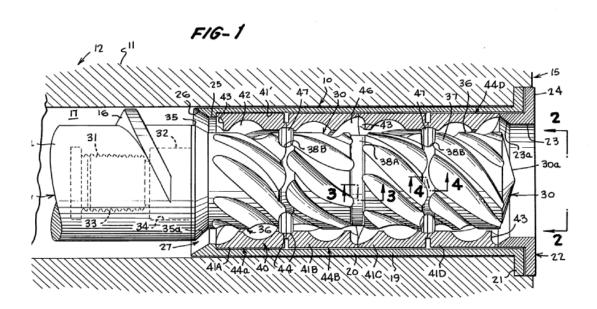


# {with screw surrounded by a casing provided with grooves or cavities}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/425</u>.



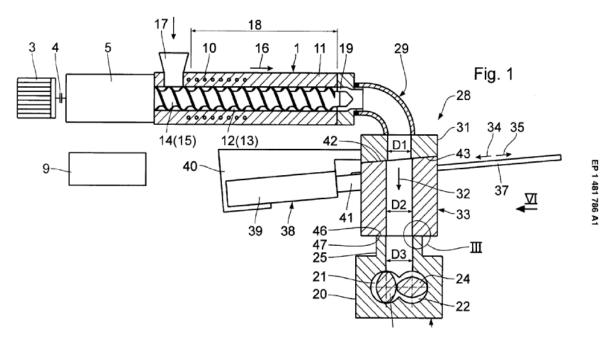
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{with consecutive casings or screws, e.g. for charging, discharging, mixing}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/426</u>.



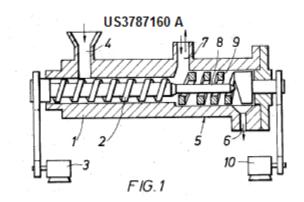
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{with independently driven screws rotating about the same axis, e.g. oscillating axially; with axially oscillating screws (B29B 7/423 takes precedence)}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/427</u>.

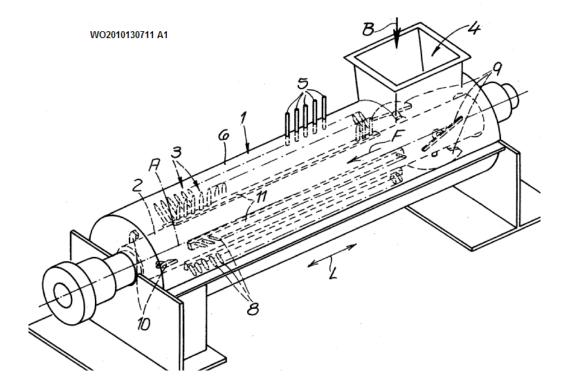


# with paddles or arms

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/44</u>.

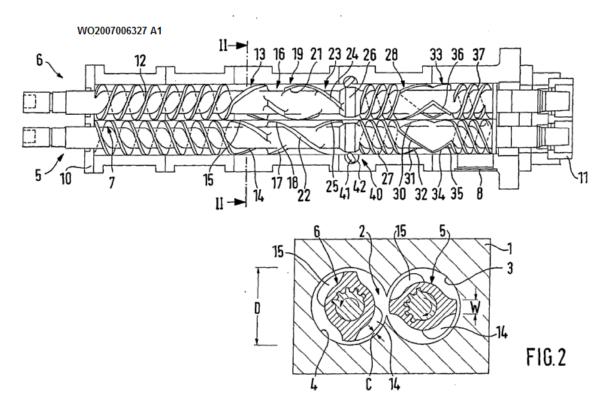


# {each shaft comprising rotor parts of the Banbury type in addition to screw parts}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/465</u>.

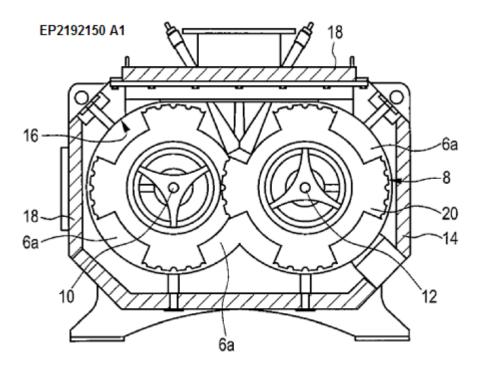


# with intermeshing devices, e.g. screws

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/48</u>.

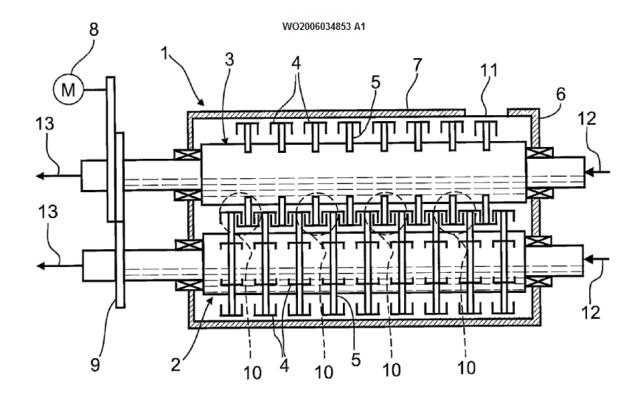


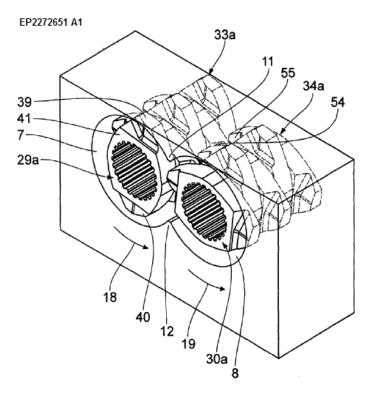
# {provided with paddles, gears or discs (B29B 7/482 takes precedence)}

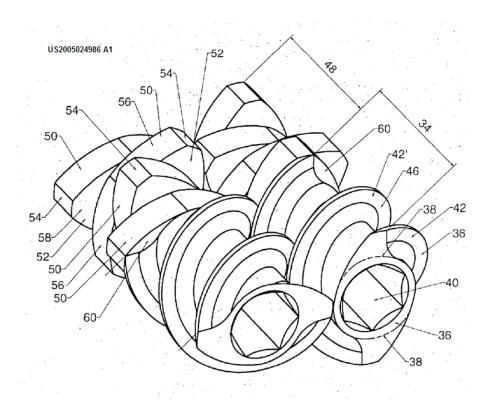
### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/481</u>.





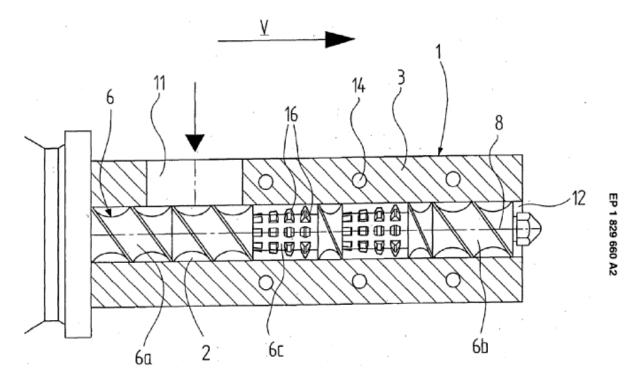


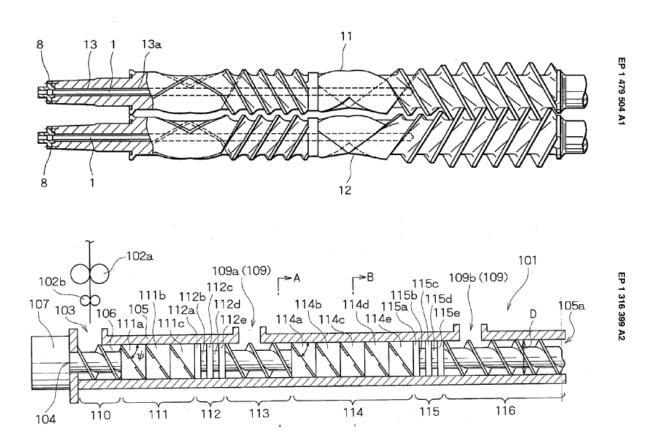
{provided with screw parts in addition to other mixing parts, e.g. paddles, gears, discs}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/482</u>.





## {the other mixing parts being discs perpendicular to the screw axis}

#### **Definition statement**

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/483</u>.

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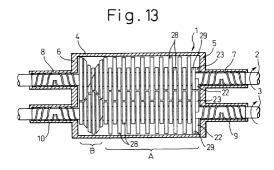
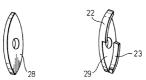


Fig.14A Fig.14B



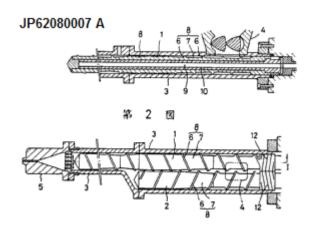
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{with two shafts provided with screws, e.g. one screw being shorter than the other (B29B 7/482 takes precedence)}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in - <u>B29B 7/484</u>.

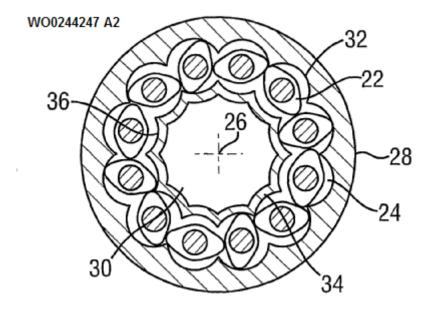


# {with three or more shafts provided with screws}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/485</u>.

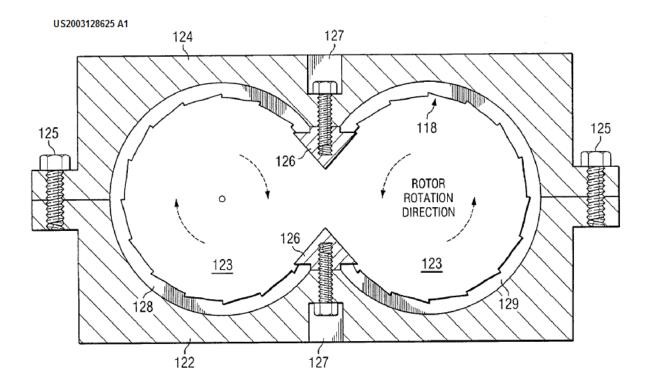


# {with screws surrounded by a casing provided with grooves or cavities}

### **Definition statement**

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/486</u>.



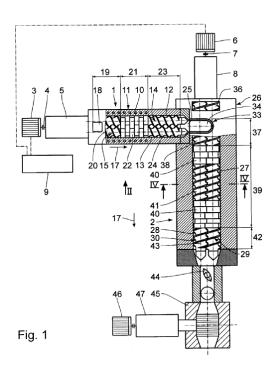
## {with consecutive casings or screws, e.g. for feeding, discharging, mixing}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/487</u>.

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## {Screws (B29B 7/482 takes precedence)}

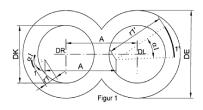
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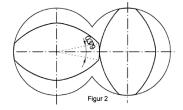
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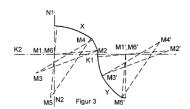
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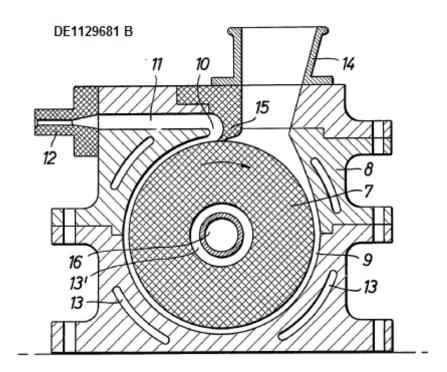


## {co-operating with casings}

## **Definition statement**

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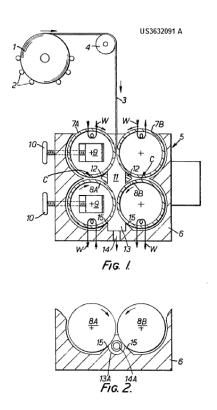


# {with two or more rollers}

#### **Definition statement**

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/526</u>.

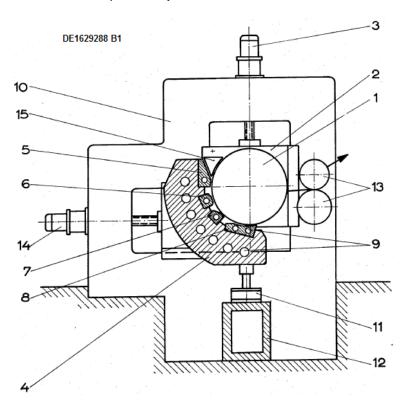


# with a single roller co-operating with a stationary member {other than the casing}

#### **Definition statement**

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/54</u>.

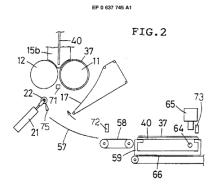


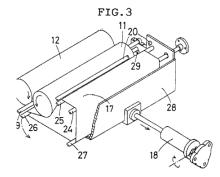
with co-operating rollers {, e.g. with repeated action, i.e. the material leaving a set of rollers being reconducted to the same set or being conducted to a next set}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/56</u>.



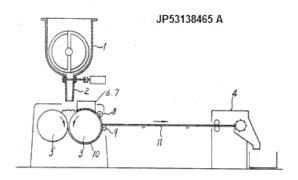


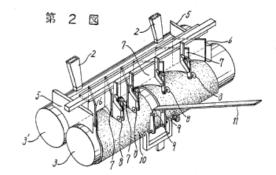
## {with means for axially moving the material on the rollers}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/562</u>.



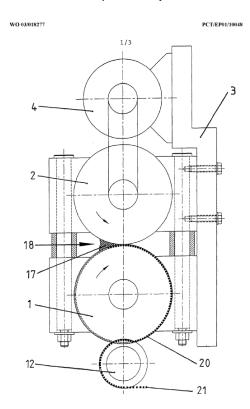


{at least one of the rollers being provided with helicoidal grooves or ridges, e.g. followed by axial extrusion}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/564</u>.

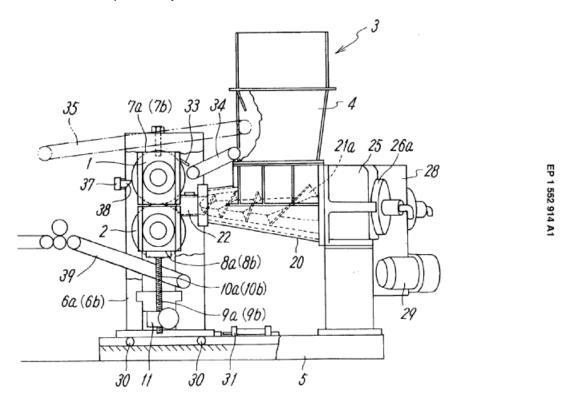


{provided with means to take material away from a set of rollers and to reconduct it to the same set; provided with endless belts, e.g. which can be in or out of cooperation with at least one of the rollers}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/566</u>.

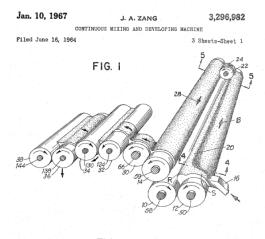


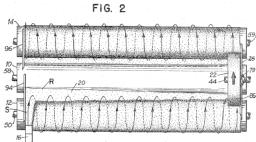
## {with consecutive sets of rollers or a train of rollers}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/568</u>.



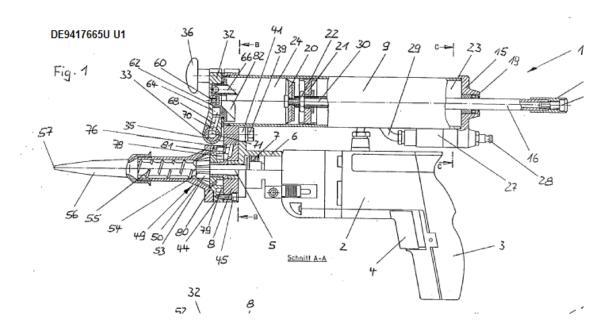


## {with driven stirrer}

## **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7442</u>.

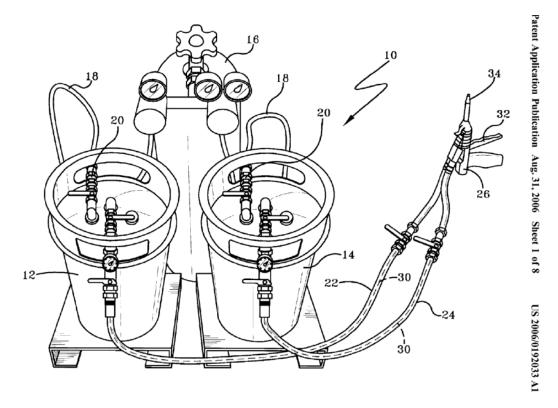


## {including means for feeding the components}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7447</u>.

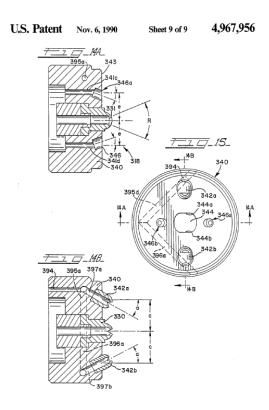


{for mixing components by spraying them into each other; for mixing by intersecting sheets}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7452</u>.

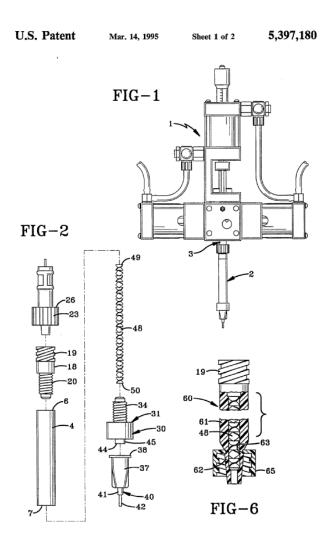


# {Mixing heads without moving stirrer (<u>B29B 7/7438</u>, <u>B29B 7/76</u> take precedence)}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7457</u>.



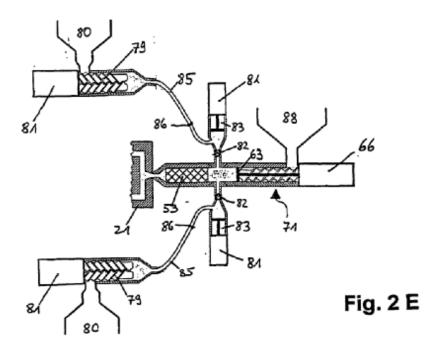
# {Combinations of dissimilar mixers}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7461</u>.

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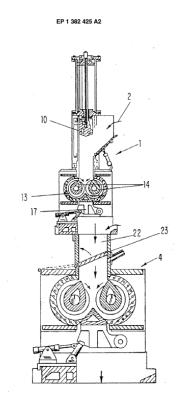


# (Combinations of similar mixers)

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7466</u>.



{Mixers in which the mixing takes place at the inlet of a mould, e.g. mixing chambers situated in the mould opening}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7471</u>.

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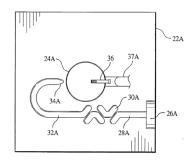


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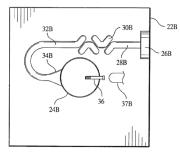


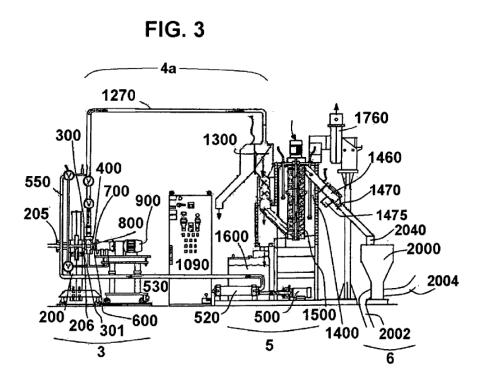
FIG. 4

## {Plants (B29B 7/7433, B29B 7/7485, B29B 7/7495 take precedence)}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/748</u>.



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## {with consecutive mixers, e.g. with premixing some of the components}

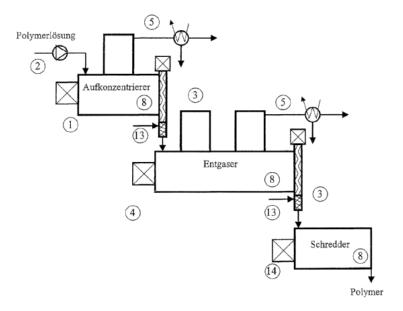
#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7485</u>.

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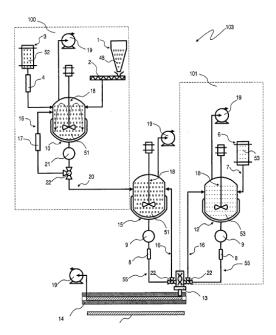
# {with stirring means for the individual components before they are mixed together}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/749</u>.

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# {having additional mixing arrangements (B29B 7/7673 takes precedence)}

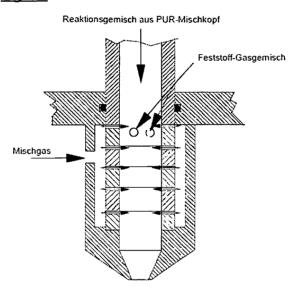
#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7605</u>.

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#### <u>Fig. 1a</u>

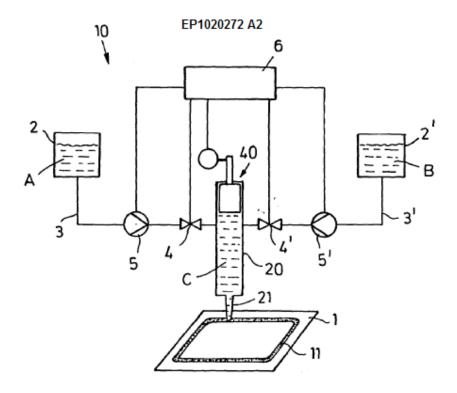


{the mixing head having an outlet tube with a reciprocating plunger, e.g. with the jets impinging in the tube}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7663</u>.



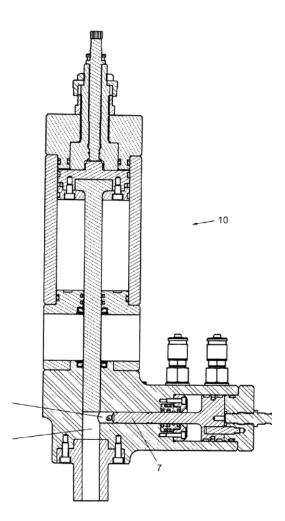
{having a second tube intersecting the first one with the jets impinging in the second tube}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7668</u>.

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# {having additional mixing arrangements (B29B 7/7668 takes precedence)}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7673</u>.

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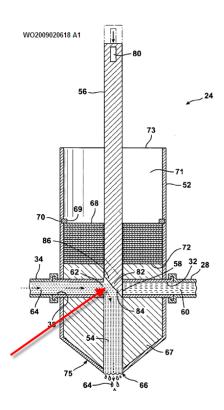
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# **{Plunger constructions}**

## **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7689</u>.

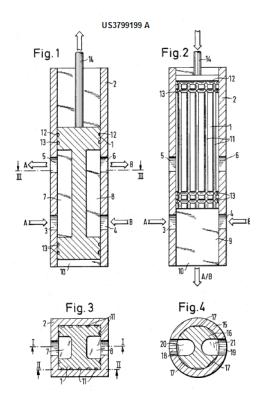


### {comprising recirculation channels; ducts formed in the plunger}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 7/7694</u>.



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#### Making granules (in general B01J; chemical aspects C08J 3/12)

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

the mechanical preparation of granules, pellets made of plastic material as raw material and used in subsequent plastic shaping techniques which form a final product. The plastic materials concerned by this subclass are polymeric materials used in the subclasses <u>B29C</u>.

#### References

### Limiting references

This place does not cover:

The mechanical preparation of granules, pellets made of non-polymeric material	e.g. A01N 25/12, B22F 9/08, C22B 1/14
Medical preparations characterized by special physical form: particulate form, powder, granulates, microsphere, pellets	A61K 9/14
Making or treating expandable particles	B29C 44/3461
Method of shaping (pelletizing, briquetting) of solid fuel made of vegetable substances (wood, forestry or agricultural wates)	C10L 5/00

#### B29B 9/02

## by dividing preformed material

#### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Cutting aspects of dividing the preformed material	<u>B26D</u>
Developers with toner particles; preparation methods	G03G 9/0802

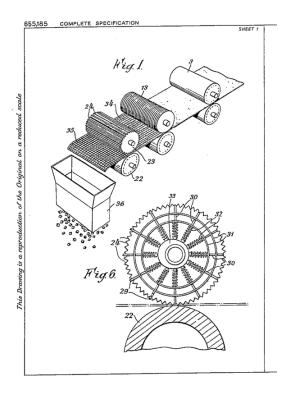
#### B29B 9/04

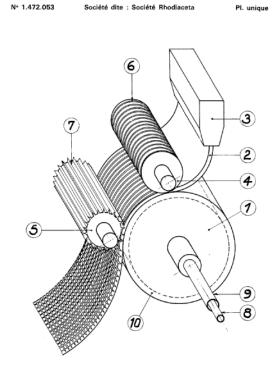
## in the form of plates or sheets

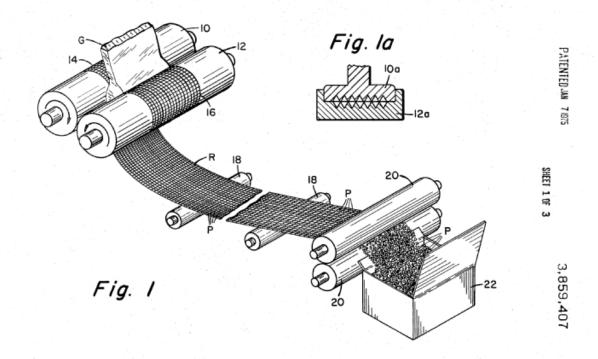
#### **Definition statement**

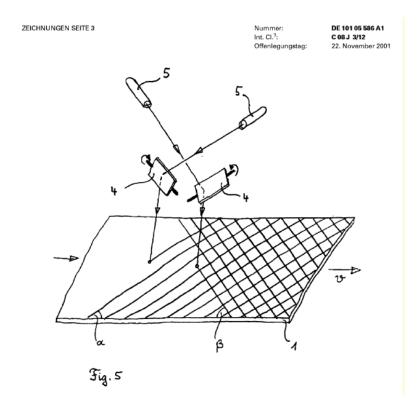
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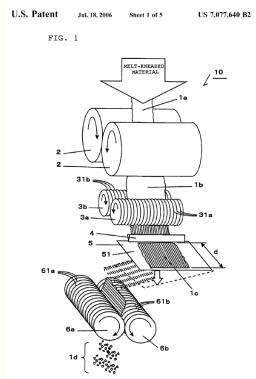
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 9/04</u>.











#### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Disintegrating by knives or other cutting or tearing members which chop material into fragments, specially adapted for disintegrating plastics

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## B29B 9/06

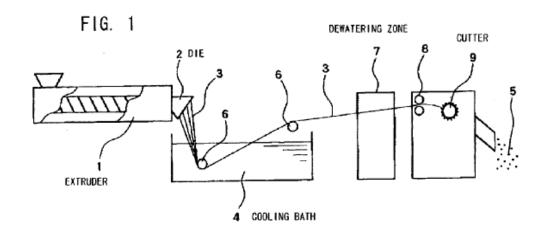
## in the form of filamentary material, e.g. combined with extrusion

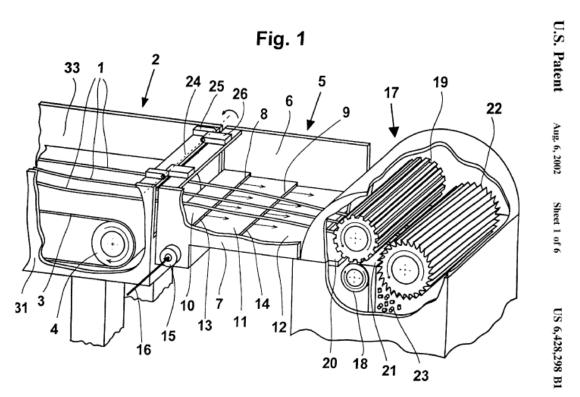
#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 9/06</u>.

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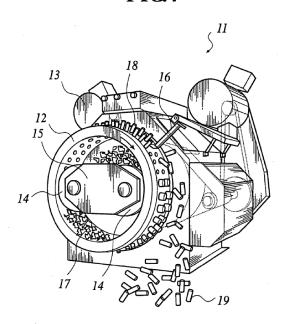




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## FIG.4



#### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Disintegrating by knives or other cutting or tearing members which chop material into fragments, specially adapted for desintegrating plastics	B02C 18/086, B02C 18/148
Multi-port extrusion nozzles	B29C 47/30

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## {under-water, e.g. underwater pelletizers}

#### **Definition statement**

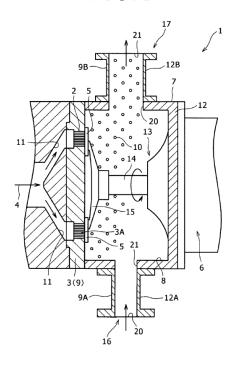
#### This place covers:

The methods and devices for the preparation of granules, pellets made of plastic material as raw material wherein the cutting operation is performed right after extrusion in a water box. Underwater pelletizer includes also the use of other liquids to cool down the extruded plastic material.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 9/065</u>.

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FIG.6

	REVOLUTIONS	REVOLUTIONS
	200rpm	750rpm
FLOW RATE	Case (a)-1	Case (a)-2
450m <sup>3</sup> /h		
FLOW RATE	Case (a)-3	Case (a)-4
750m <sup>3</sup> /h		

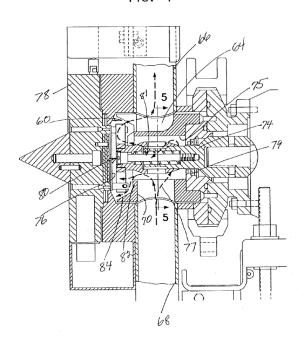
FLOW TRACE LINES FROM THE INLET

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FIG. 4



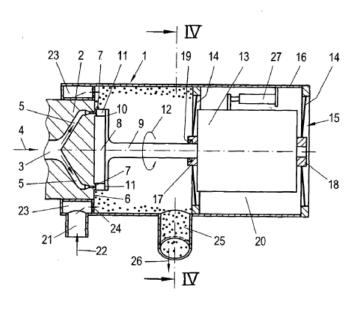


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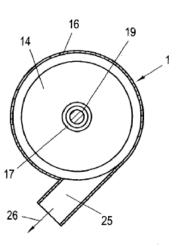
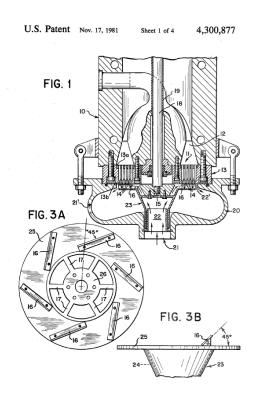


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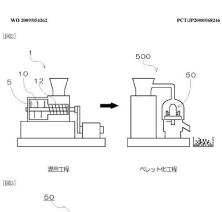
## by agglomerating smaller particles

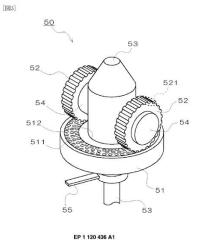
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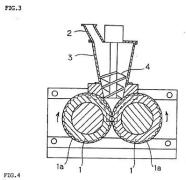
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 9/08</u>.

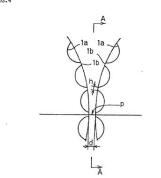
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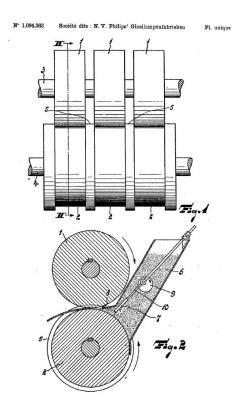












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## by moulding the material, i.e. treating it in the molten state

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

The methods and devices for the preparation of granules, pellets made of plastic material as raw material wherein no preformed material (e.g. plates, sheets, filamentary matrial as in <u>B29B 9/04</u> or <u>B29B 9/06</u>) is used. The granules are made by moulding.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 9/10</u>.

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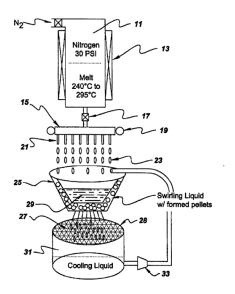
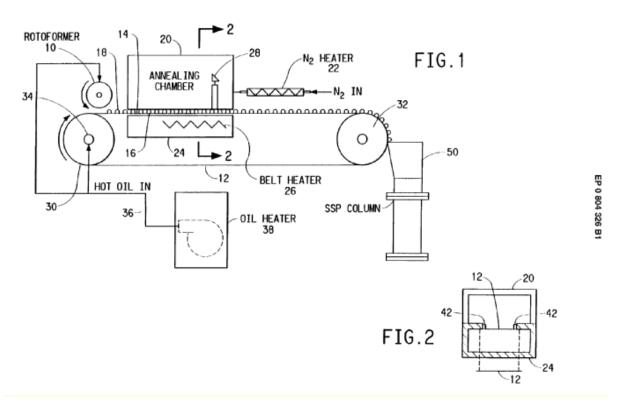


Fig. 1



### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Granulating material in general; by dividing the liquid material into drops, e.g. by spraying, and solidifying the drops	B01J 2/02
Granulating material in general; by dividing the liquid material into drops,in a gaseous medium	B01J 2/04
Granulating material in general; by dividing the liquid material into drops,in a liquid medium	B01J 2/06

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# characterised by structure or composition

### **Definition statement**

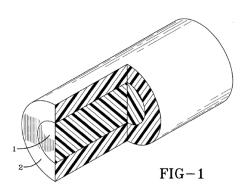
This place covers:

The methods and devices for the mechanical preparation of granules made of plastic material as raw material wherein the granules are defined by their physical structure (e.g. multilayer or compartimentalized granule) or by their composition (e.g. the selection of the granule ingredients has an influence on the method and apparatus used to manufacture the granule).

The documents disclosing only the chemical composition of granules and wherein the mechanical preparation is absent or trivial are classified in C08J 3/12.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 9/12</u>.

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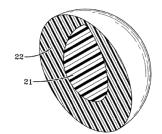


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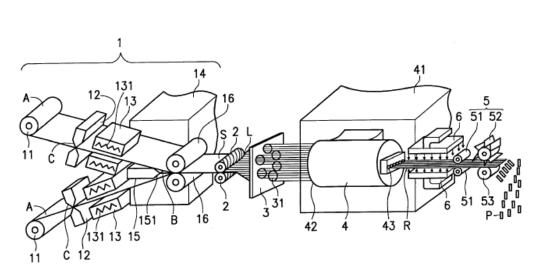
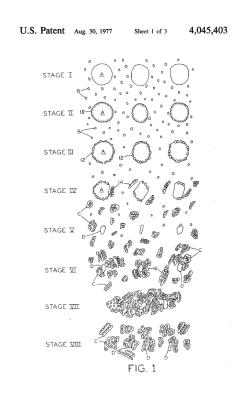


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# fibre-reinforced

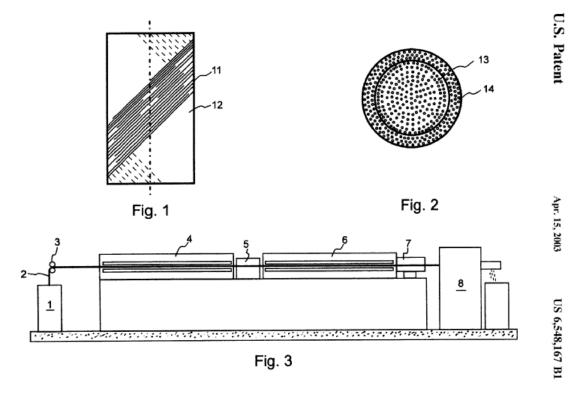
# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

The methods and devices for the preparation of granules, pellets made of plastic material as raw material wherein the granule comprises long fibres (fibres as long or longer than the granule), short fibres or fibrous material of different shapes.

The granules comprizing fillers (e.g. powder) are classified in <u>B29B 9/12</u>.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 9/14</u>.



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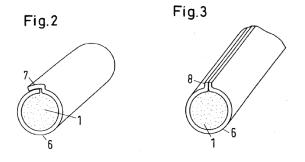
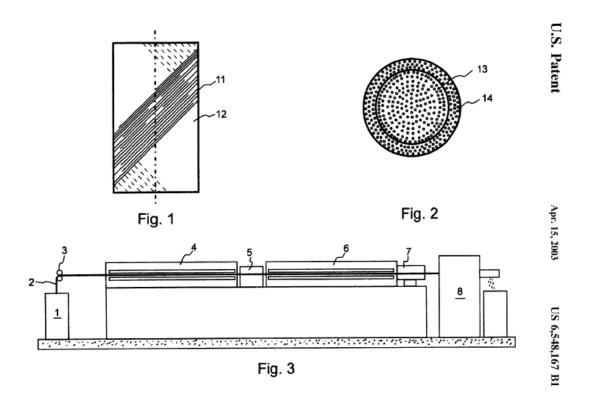


Fig.4



### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Pretreatment of reinforcement; coating or impregnating of reinforcements of indefinite length with a matrix in liquid form, e.g. as melt, solution or latex

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# **Auxiliary treatment of granules**

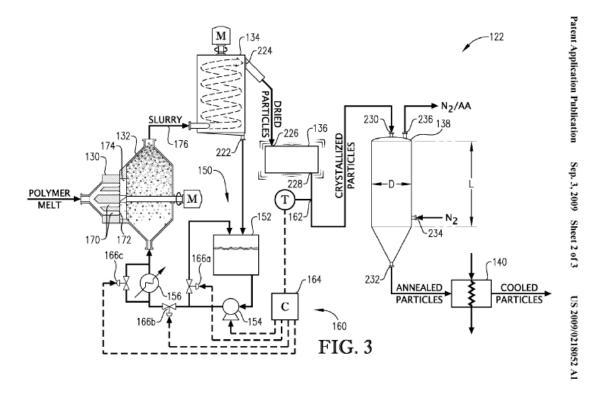
### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

The methods and devices for the after-treatment of granules, pellets made of plastic material (e.g. absorbing, coating, crystallizing, deforming, purifying).

The chemical aspect of the treatment of granules (e.g. post-polymerization, polycondensation) is classifiyed in  $\underline{\text{C08}}$ .

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 9/16</u>.



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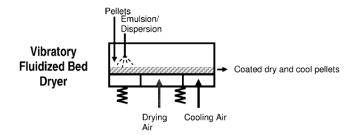
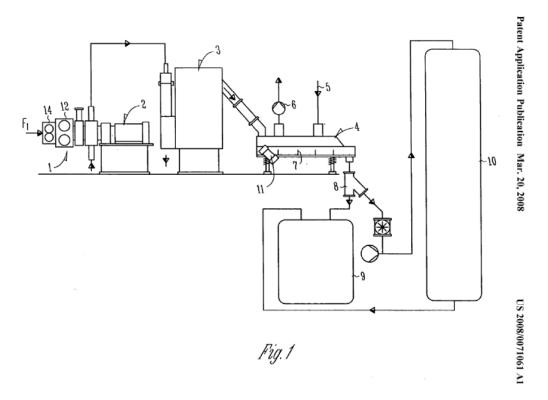
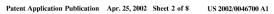
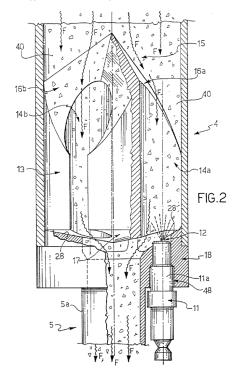
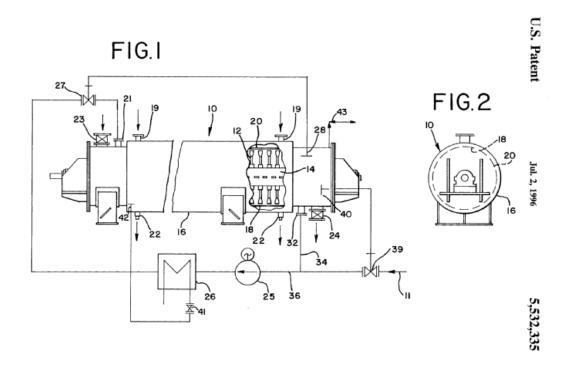


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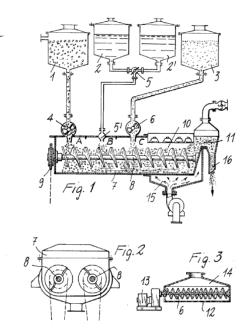


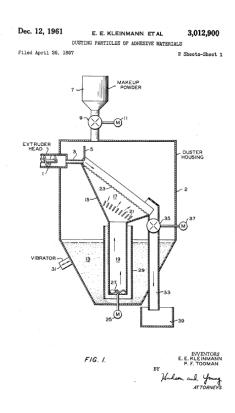






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### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming a carboxylic ester link in the main chain of the macromolecule	C08G 63/00
Solid-state polycondensation	C08G 63/80
Post-polymerisation treatment	C08G 63/88
Purification; Drying	C08G 63/90
Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming a carboxylic amide link in the main chain of the macromolecule	C08G 69/00
Solid state polycondensation	C08G 69/30
Post-polymerisation treatment	C08G 69/46
Machines or apparatus for drying materials in loose, plastic, or fluidised form, e.g. granules, staple fibres, with progressive movement	F26B 17/00

# B29B 11/00

Making preforms (<u>B29C 61/06</u> takes precedence; {combined with blow-moulding <u>B29C 49/02</u>, with thermoforming <u>B29C 51/02</u>; making preforms for manufacturing of light guides <u>B29D 11/00721</u>})

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Preforms relating to **B29** in general.

Preforms for blow-moulding bottles.

Making of preforms not otherwise provided for.

### References

# Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

F-term (Japanese classification) related to making preforms	4F201/BM00
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### Special rules of classification

The making of preforms (process and apparatus) for which an entry is provided elsewhere, e.g. <u>B29C</u>, is not classified in <u>B29B 11/00</u> and its subgroups.

However, the indexing of preforms for blow-moulding bottles using the coding scheme under <u>B29B 2911/14</u> is obligatory when the structure of the preform differs from the conventional shape (one layer, open neck, flange, cylindrical body, closed semispherical end).

# **Glossary of terms**

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

Preform	An object obtained by moulding substantially consisting of plastic
	material, which has to undergo an additional processing step, e.g.
	blow moulding, to obtain its final shape

### **Synonyms and Keywords**

In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used as synonyms:

• "preform", "parison" and "blank"

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### by dividing preformed material, e.g. sheets, rods

#### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

F-term (Japanese classification) related to manufacturing preforms by	4F201/BM01
shredding preformed materials	

### B29B 11/04

### by assembling preformed material

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Making preforms by assembling separate parts, e.g. making a perform for blow moulding by joining a separately moulded neck and thread portion with a separately moulded body portion.

### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Joining of preformed parts	B29C 65/00
F-term (Japanese classification) related to manufacturing preforms by assembling preformed materials	4F201/BM02

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# by moulding the material

### References

### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

F-term (Japanese classification) related to manufacturing preforms by	4F201/BM04
moulding the materials	

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# Injection moulding

### References

## Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

F-term (Japanese classification) related to manufacturing preforms by	4F201/BM05
injection moulding	

# **Special rules of classification**

Injection moulding processes and devices for making preforms, whereby the alleged invention lies in the moulding technique as such, are classified in the moulding technique as such (B29C 45/00) and not in this subgroup.

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# **Extrusion moulding**

#### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

F-term (Japanese classification) related to manufacturing preforms	by 4F201/BM06
extrusion moulding	

# Special rules of classification

Extrusion moulding processes and devices for making preforms, whereby the alleged invention lies in the moulding technique as such, are classified in the moulding technique (B29C 47/00) as such and not in this subgroup.

### B29B 11/12

# **Compression moulding**

#### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

F-term (Japanese classification) related to manufacturing preforms by	4F201/BM07
compression moulding	

# Special rules of classification

Compression moulding processes and devices for making preforms, whereby the alleged invention lies in the moulding technique as such, are classified in the moulding technique (<u>B29C 43/00</u>) as such and not in this subgroup.

### B29B 11/14

# characterised by structure or composition

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Preforms having a special composition or shape adapted for its further processing steps or use.

### References

### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

F-term (Japanese classification) related to:Shapes, structures	4F201/BM12
F-term (Japanese classification) related to:Layered structures	4F201/BM13
F-term (Japanese classification) related to:Compositions, properties	4F201/BM14

### Special rules of classification

The indexing of preforms for blow-moulding bottles using the coding scheme under <u>B29B 2911/14</u> is obligatory when the structure of the preform differs from the conventional shape (one layer, open neck, flange, cylindrical body, closed semispherical end).

### B29B 11/16

# comprising fillers or reinforcement {(non-woven fabrics per se D04H 1/00, D04H 3/00)}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Preforms having fillers/reinforcement where the purpose of subsequent moulding is mentioned

### References

### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Shaping composites	B29C 70/00
F-term (Japanese classification) related to: Preforms, including shaping thereof	4F072/AG00
F-term (Japanese classification) related to: Manufacturing preforms	4F072/AH00

### B29B 13/00

Conditioning or physical treatment of the material to be shaped (chemical aspects <u>C08J 3/00</u> {heating, cooling or curing during shaping <u>B29C 35/00</u>; Thermal after-treatment <u>B29C 71/02</u>})

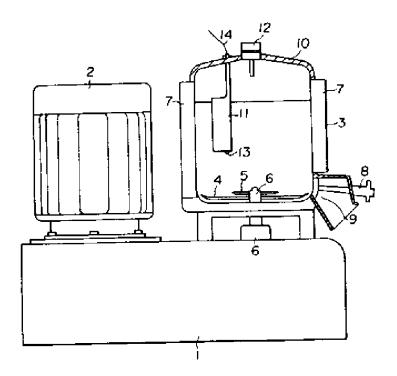
#### **Definition statement**

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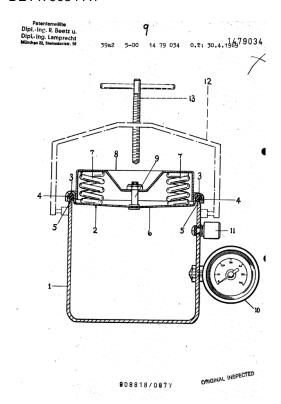
The methods and devices for the pre-treatment of the plastic material to be shaped prior to the moulding operation.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 13/00</u>.

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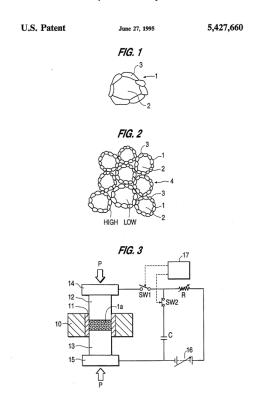
# {Treatment of sinter powders}

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

The methods and devices for the pre-treatment of powder plastic material prior to the process of sintering.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 13/007</u>.



# References

# Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Sintering layers coated on a mould	B29C 41/00
Compression moulding; pressing and sintering powders, granules or fibres	B29C 43/006
Rapid manufacturing or prototyping of 3D objects; using layers of powder being selectively joined, e.g. by selective laser sintering or melting	B29C 67/0077

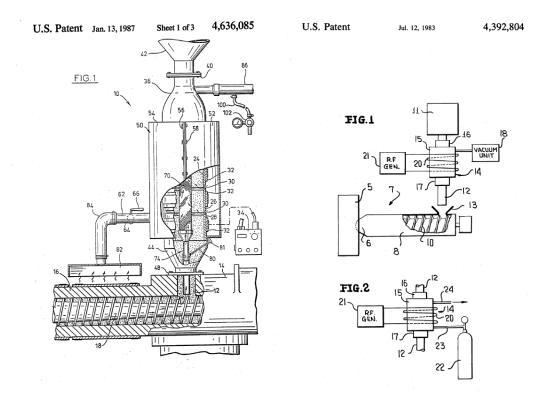
# {Heat treatment of powders}

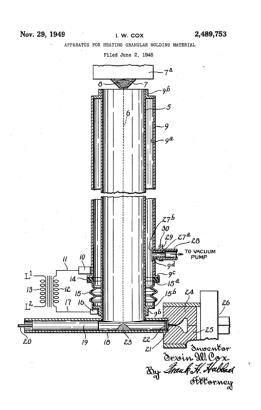
# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

The methods and devices for the pre-treatment of the plastic material to be shaped (powder, pellets, granules) by heating prior to the moulding operation.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 13/021</u>.





# {Melting the material to be shaped}

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

The methods and devices for the heat treatment of the plastic material to be shaped (powder, pellets, granules) until said plastic material melts prior to the moulding operation.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 13/022</u>.

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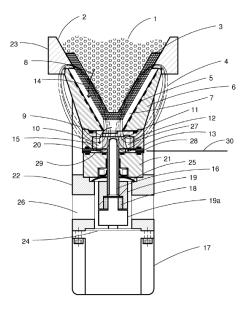
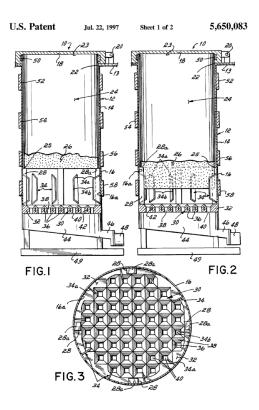
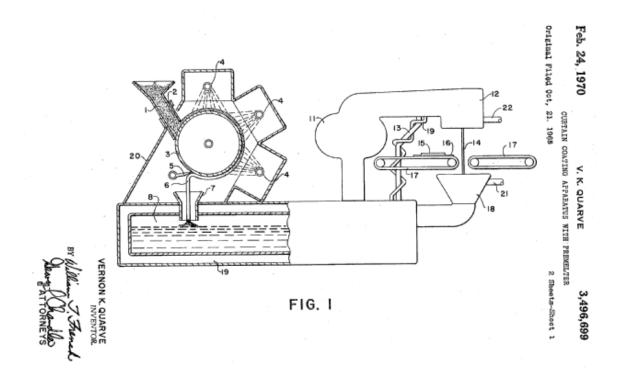
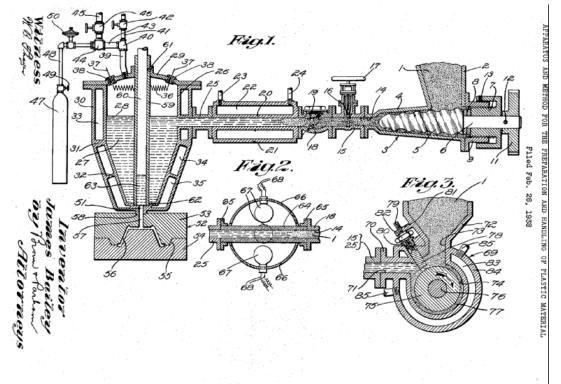


Fig. 1









### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Storage, supply or control of liquid or other fluent material; provided with means for heating or cooling the liquid or other fluent material in the supplying means upstream of the applying apparatus

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# B29B 13/023

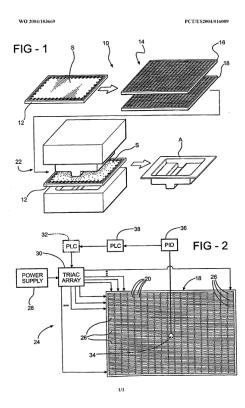
# {Half-products, e.g. films, plates}

### **Definition statement**

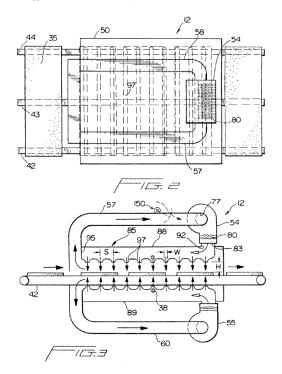
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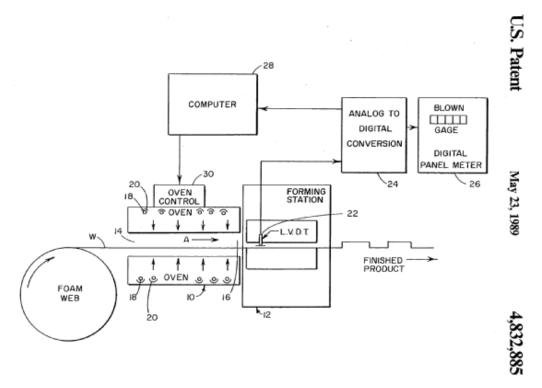
The methods and devices for the pre-treatment by heating of the plastic material to be shaped, said plastic material typically being in the form of a film or plate. Said film or plate is a half-product as it has not yet undergone its final shaping operation.

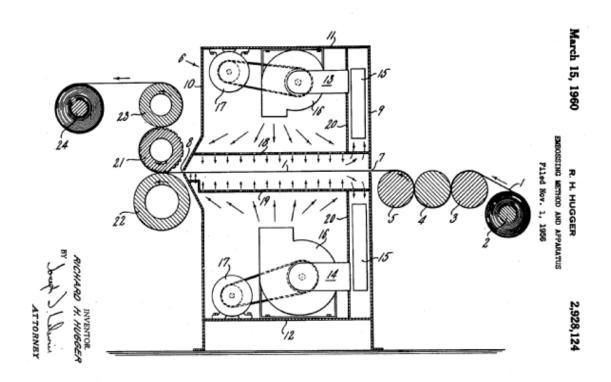
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 13/023</u>.



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# Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Heating preforms (film, sheet, plate) prior to thermoforming	B29C 51/421

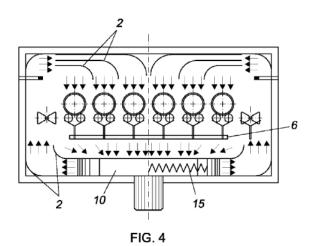
# {Hollow bodies, e.g. tubes or profiles}

# **Definition statement**

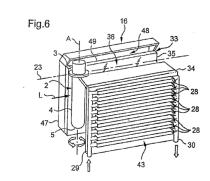
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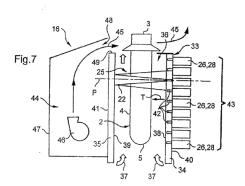
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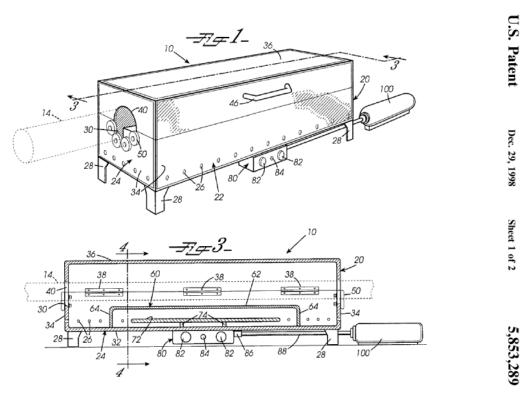
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# Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Heating a tubular preform prior to blow moulding	B29C 49/64
Ovens specially adapted for heating preforms or parisons	B29C 49/68

# {Tube ends}

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 13/025</u>.

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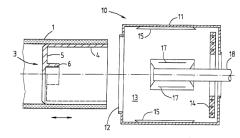


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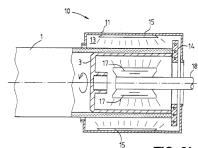
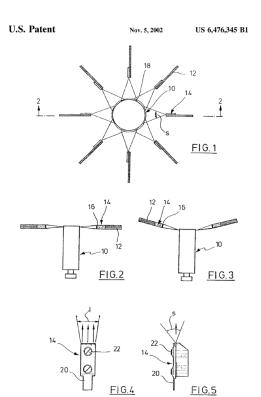


FIG. 2b



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FIG. 1

FIG. 2

FIG. 3

# References

# Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Shaping of tube ends, e.g. flanging, belling, closing; Apparatus therefor B29C 57/00

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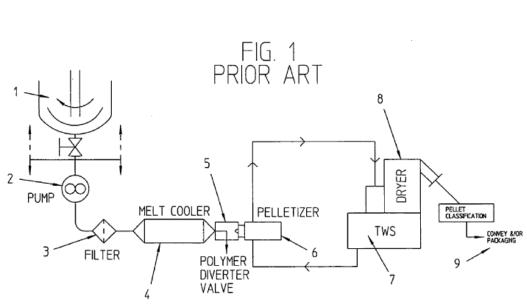
# B29B 13/04

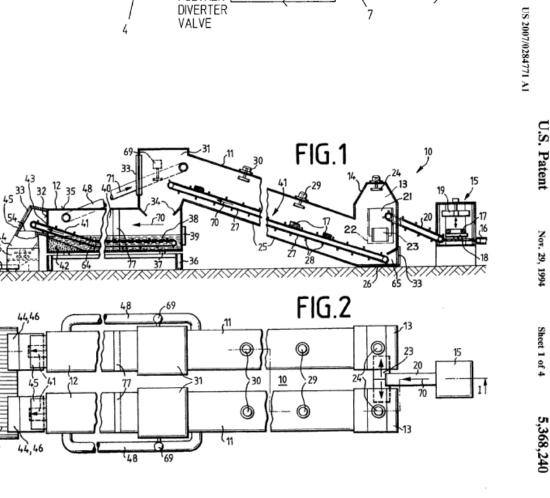
# by cooling {(cooling moulded articles or half products **B29C 35/16**)}

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 13/04</u>.



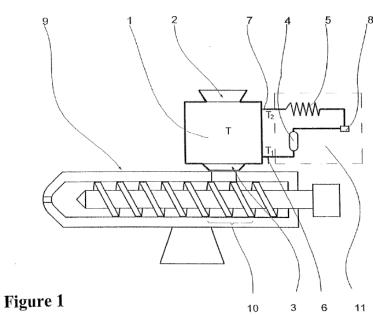


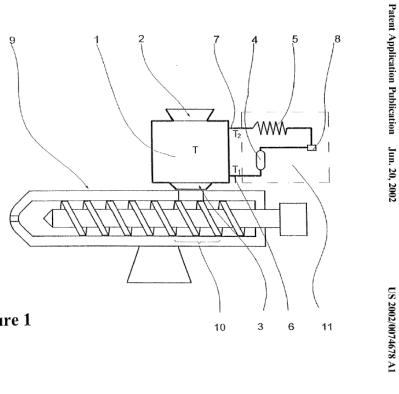
# {of powders or pellets}

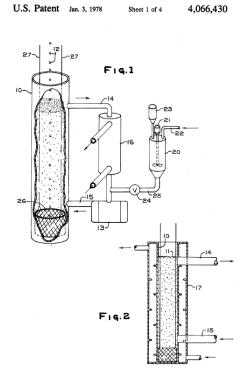
# **Definition statement**

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 13/045</u>.







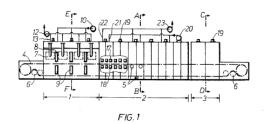
by drying (B29B 13/08 takes precedence; {drying moulded articles or half products B29C 37/0092})

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 13/06</u>.

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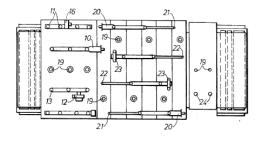


FIG. 2

# {of powder or pellets}

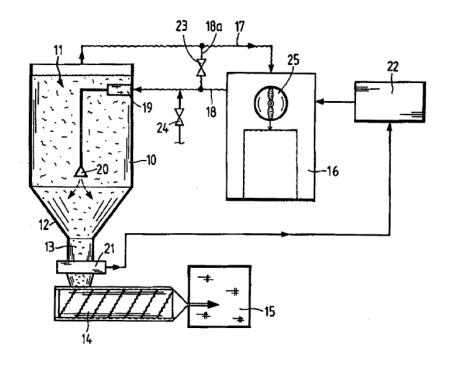
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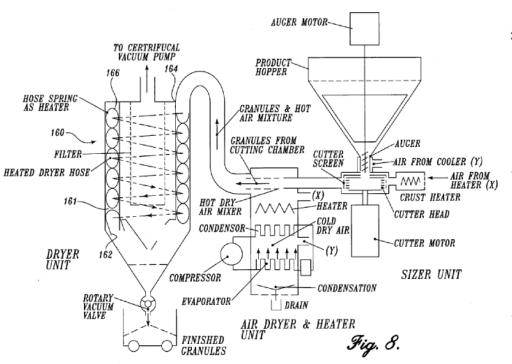
This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 13/065</u>.

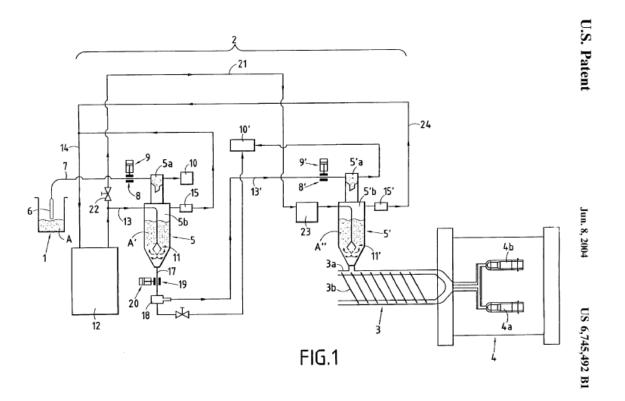
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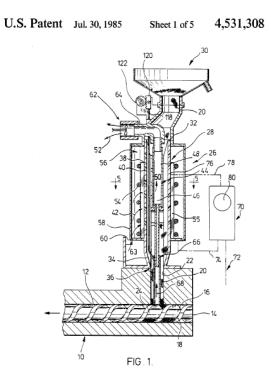


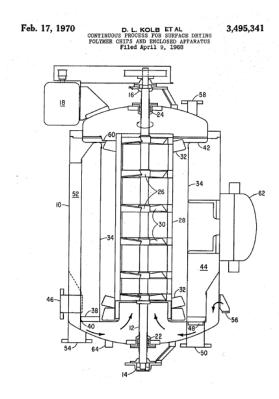


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# Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Machines or apparatus for drying materials in loose, plastic, or fluidised	F26B 17/00
form, e.g. granules, staple fibres, with progressive movement	

# by using wave energy or particle radiation

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 13/08</u>.

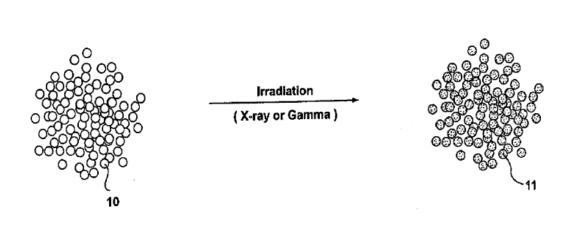


FIG. 1

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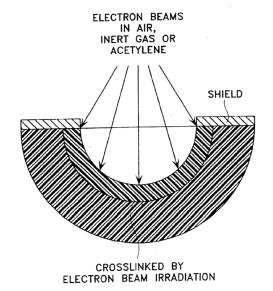
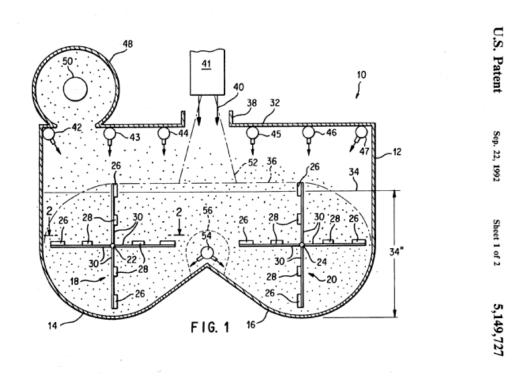


FIG. 1



# Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Processes of treating or compounding macromolecular substances.  Treatment by wave energy or particle radiation	C08J 3/28
Irradiation devices	G21K 5/00

# B29B 13/10

# by grinding, e.g. by triturating; by sieving; by filtering

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

The methods and devices for the mechanical pre-treatment of the plastic material to be shaped by grinding prior to the moulding operation.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 13/10</u>.

# References

### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Recovery of plastics or other constituents of waste material containing plastics. Disintegrating plastics (e.g. by milling)	B29B 17/04
	B02C 18/086, B02C 18/148

# B29B 15/00

# Pretreatment of the material to be shaped, not covered by groups B29B 7/00 - B29B 13/00

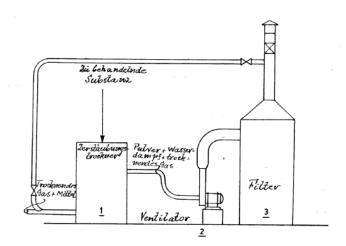
### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

The methods and devices wherein the material undergoes a pre-treatment operation that is an operation that modifies the material to be shaped e.g. by moulding.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in <u>B29B 15/00</u>.

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# B29B 15/04

# Coagulating devices

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

The methods and devices wherein the material undergoes a coagulation operation prior to final shaping wherein the mechanical aspect of the method or device is detailed.

### References

## Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Treatment of rubber latex, coagulation	C08C 1/14
Treatment of polymer emulsions, coagulation	C08F 6/22

# B29B 15/08

# of reinforcements or fillers (chemical aspects C08J, C08K)

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Surface modifications, normally chemical but also treatments like preheating or carving, of reinforcements or fillers typically to improve the adhesion with the matrix

### B29B 15/105

{of reinforcement of definite length with a matrix in solid form, e.g. powder, fibre or sheet form (calendering B29C 70/506)}

#### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Treatments of textile materials by liquids, gases or vapours	<u>D06B</u>
Artificial leather obtained by covering fibrous webs with macromolecular material	D06N 3/00

# B29B 15/122

{with a matrix in liquid form, e.g. as melt, solution or latex}

# References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Matrix in powder form	B29K 2105/251
Matrix in the form of sheet	B29K 2105/256

### B29B 17/00

Recovery of plastics or other constituents of waste material containing plastics; ({volume reduction of waste plastics, e.g. by mechanical compacting or melting disposal of solid waste <a href="B09B">B09B</a>;) chemical recovery <a href="C08J 11/00">C08J 11/00</a>)

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Processes as well as the corresponding machinery for recovering plastics, as well as other constituents of waste material containining plastics

### References

### Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Reuse of recycled material in moulding processes as such, e.g. in	<u>B29C</u>
compression moulding	

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

General arrangement of separating plants for refuse	B03B 9/06
Volume reduction of waste plastics other than plastic containers	<u>B09B</u>

### Special rules of classification

In this group including its subgroups, it is highly desirable to add the Indexing Codes <u>B29K</u> for the type of plastic material to be recycled, and the Indexing Codes <u>B29L</u> for the type of product to be recycled.

In this group including its subgroups, only the type of plastic material to be recycled shall be classified by the <a href="B29K">B29K</a> Indexing Codes. Any non-recycled material, e.g. virgin material, which is added during the recycling process shall not be classified by such <a href="B29K">B29K</a> Indexing Codes.

# Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used as synonyms:

"waste", "scrap", "recycling", "recycled", "recovery", "recovering", "salvage", "salvaged", "reclaim", "reclaimed", "reprocessed", "reprocessing", "regrind", "reground", "discard", "discarded", "discarding" and "rubbish"

# B29B 17/0005

# {Direct recuperation and re-use of scrap material during moulding operation, i.e. feed-back of used material}

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Recycling processes, as well as the corresponing machinery, whereby the recovery of plastics is combined with the direct reuse of said material in a molding process.

Typical examples are:

- Re-use by regrinding the hardened runner/sprue and feeding it into the hopper of an injection moulding machine.
- Re-use by regrinding or directly feeding the side-trim in plastic film extrusion to the hopper of the extruder.

# References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Recovery of starting material, waste material or solvents during the	D01F 13/04
manufacture of artificial filaments or the like, made of synthetic polymers	

### B29B 17/0026

# {by agglomeration or compacting}

### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Dietetic products with reduced nutritive value, by addition of substantially indigestible substances, i.e. Cellulose or derivatives	A23L 33/24
Making particle boards or fibreboards, with preformed covering layer	B27N 3/06
Making discontinuous sheets of paper, pulpboard or cardboard, or of wet web, for fibreboard production	D21F 13/00

### B29B 17/0036

{of large particles, e.g. beads, granules, pellets, flakes, slices}

### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

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Making granules	B29B 9/00
ag g.a	<u>=====</u>

# B29B 17/0042

# {for shaping parts, e.g. multilayered parts with at least one layer containing regenerated plastic}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Recovery of plastics or other constituents of waste material containing plastics by an agglomeration or compacting process. The recovered material is used for shaping parts, e.g. compacting plastic waste particles in a heated compression mould for obtaining a discrete article. Possibly with the addition of a binding agent, i.e. urethane.

#### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Destroying solid waste or transforming solid waste by agglomeration, binding or encapsulation using an organic binder or matrix	B09B 3/0033
Layered products essentially comprising synthetic resin made from or containing mainly scrap material	B32B 2272/00

### Special rules of classification

In this group, it is highly recommended to add additional classification in the shaping technique concerned, e.g. <u>B29C 43/00</u> for compression moulding, <u>B29C 45/00</u> for injection moulding.

### B29B 17/0047

### {Compacting complete waste articles}

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Recovery of plastics or other constituents of waste material containing plastics by an agglomeration or compacting process, whereby a complete wasted article is compacted, e.g. recovery of plastic containers, e.g. PET bottles by volume reduction.

### B29B 17/0052

# {Hollow articles, e.g. bottles}

#### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Presses specially adapted for consolidating scrap metal or for compacting	B30B 9/321
used cars	

### B29B 17/02

# Separating plastics from other materials

#### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Recovery of plastics or other constituents of waste material containing plastics whereby said recovered material is separated from other materials, e.g. one type of plastics, e.g. PE is separated from another type of plastics, e.g. PA, by density separation in a water bath.

#### References

#### Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Separating by pneumatic tables or by pneumatic jigs	B03B 4/00
Wet separating by sink-float separation	B03B 5/28

# B29B 17/021

### **{using local heating of the reinforcement}**

# **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Recovery of plastics or other constituents of waste material containing plastics whereby the matrix material is separated selectively from the reinforcements by destroying the interface bound before desintegrating the matrix to particles or powder using local heating of the reinforcement, e.g. heating of tires or conveyor belts, e.g. by induction heating, for softening the rubber matrix around the then hot steel wires.

# B29B 17/04

Disintegrating plastics, {e.g. by milling} (<u>B29B 9/02</u>, <u>B29B 11/02</u>, <u>B29B 13/10</u>, {<u>B29B 17/02</u>} take precedence)

### **Definition statement**

This place covers:

Processes as well as the corresponding machinery for recovering plastics, as well as other constituents of waste material containining plastics, whereby the plastic material is disintegrated.

# Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Disintegrating by knives or other cutting or tearing members which chop material into fragments	B02C 18/00
Especially adapted for disintegrating plastics, e.g. cinematographic films	B02C 18/086
For plastic bottles	B02C 19/0093
Cutting through work characterised by the nature or movement of the cutting member; Apparatus or machines therefor; Cutting members therefor	B26D 1/00
Especially adapted for cutting rubber	B26D 3/003
For cutting used tyres	B26D 3/005

# **Special rules of classification**

In this group including its undergroups, it is highly desirable to add additional  $\underline{\text{B29B }2017/0424}$  Indexing Codes for the type of disintegrating technique.